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The National Spiritual Assembly
of the Bahá'ís of Qatar

Dear Bahá'í Friends,

The Universal House of Justice has received your letters dated 9, 11, and 26 July 2005 (refs. 162-22,-23 and -25) concerning the most recent developments with respect to the deportation orders that have been issued to Mr. Baher Seioshansian and Dr. Farid Shafiei. We have been asked to respond as follows.

As there is nothing in what has been officially conveyed to either Mr. Seioshansian or Dr. Shafiei that would enable their deportations to be linked to their religious affiliation, it is not possible at this time to undertake international action on their behalf. You are asked to persevere in an effort to find a way, if possible, for the deported friends to return as residents to Qatar; this may well involve keeping in contact with Major Hazza Al-Hajrey, who, in the case of Mr. Seioshansian, showed a great interest in assisting to resolve this matter.

The House of Justice will supplicate at the Sacred Threshold on behalf of Mr. Seioshansian and Dr. Shafiei and their families, that the Blessed Beauty may surround them with His protection and grace. It will also offer prayers for your National Spiritual Assembly's support and assistance in the unhappy circumstance of the impending loss of a dearly loved and valued colleague.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

Department of the Secretariat